

Introduced by Senator Price

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Senate Resolution No. 33—Relative to Let’s Move California Day.

1 WHEREAS, On June 16, 2012, Let’s Move California Day will
2 mark the beginning of a statewide campaign to end childhood
3 obesity in communities across California; and

4 WHEREAS, Let’s Move is a comprehensive initiative, launched
5 by Michelle Obama, the First Lady, dedicated to solving the
6 challenges of childhood obesity within a generation so that children
7 born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams.
8 Combining comprehensive strategies with common sense, Let’s
9 Move is about putting children on the path to a healthy future
10 during their earliest months and years; and

11 WHEREAS, Childhood obesity rates have tripled over the last
12 three decades, and nearly one in three children in the United States
13 of America and California is overweight. Even more troubling, 40
14 percent of children in African American and Hispanic communities
15 across the United States are overweight or obese; and

16 WHEREAS, As a result of such high obesity rates, one third of
17 all children born in the year 2000 or later will suffer from diabetes,
18 while many more will suffer from heart disease, high blood
19 pressure, or asthma; and

20 WHEREAS, Obesity rates in low-income communities continue
21 to rise across California. In a 2010 study published in the American
22 Journal of Public Health by researchers from the University of
23 California, Los Angeles, researchers concluded that obesity rates
24 have increased dramatically in low-income communities; and

25 WHEREAS, A recent study showed that juvenile arrest and teen
26 birth rates in Los Angeles County were lower in areas where

1 schools offered more sports. Other studies have also concluded
2 that youth involved in organized sports have higher levels of
3 academic achievement and school attendance; and

4 WHEREAS, The rising economic cost of obesity is crippling
5 the state's economy, according to a study by the California Center
6 for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA). The economic costs in
7 California of an overweight, obese, and physically inactive adult
8 population are an estimated \$41 billion per year; and

9 WHEREAS, The Let's Move California campaign will mobilize
10 people to improve the health of California's children through
11 physical activities and sports and ensure that California's youngest
12 children will have the basic physical skills to live and learn to their
13 highest potential; and

14 WHEREAS, The Let's Move California campaign will give our
15 state a competitive advantage by reducing health care costs and
16 increasing California's workforce competitiveness; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
19 recognizes June 16, 2012, as Let's Move California Day, and urges
20 all Californians to recognize the importance of ending childhood
21 obesity; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the Governor, the State Public Health Officer,
24 the California State Library, the State Archives, and to the author
25 for appropriate distribution.